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JOINT STATE-DEFENSE MESSAGE

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: LABOR COST SHARING AGREEMENT

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FROM HOLBROOKE AND ABRAMOWITZ TO SHERMAN, SELIGMANN AND
LOVING

1. WE WANT TO EXPRESS OUR ADMIRATION AND GRATITUDE TO
THOSE IN THE EMBASSY AND USFJ WHO MANAGED TO BRING THE
FIRST ROUND OF COST SHARING TALKS TO A SUCCESSFUL CONCLU-
SION. OUR "DISAPPOINTMENT" WITH THE FINAL AMOUNT OBTAINED
REFLECTS SOLELY OUR ATTITUDE TOWARD THE JAPANESE LEGAL
APPROACH TO THE PROBLEM. IN FACT, WE KNOW THAT THIS
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ARRANGEMENT HAS SAVED THE US TAXPAYER A CONSIDERABLE SUM
AND, MORE IMPORTANTLY, HAS CREATED A FAVORABLE ATMOSPHERE
IN WHICH WE CAN CONTINUE TO PURSUE OUR GOAL OF OBTAINING
FINANCIAL RELIEF IN THESE AND OTHER AREAS.

2. WE WANT YOU TO KNOW THAT WE ARE FAR FROM "DISAPPOINTED"
WITH THOSE WHO BORE THE BRUNT OF THIS DIFFICULT AND COMPLEX

EFFORT. ON THE CONTRARY, YOUR PERSISTENCE AND YOUR THOROUGH PROFESSIONAL JUDGMENT HAVE ENABLED US TO TAKE AN UNPRECEDENTED FIRST STEP IN GETTING THE GOJ TO RECOGNIZE THE NEED FOR FURTHER EFFORTS ON ITS PART. THIS IS NO MEAN

ACCOMPLISHMENT. THANKS FOR A JOB WELL DONE. WE PLAN TO PRESS THE JAPANESE HARDER NEXT YEAR AND WILL AGAIN NEED ALL THE SKILL, JUDGMENT AND DEDICATION YOU CAN BRING TO BEAR. VANCE

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